



MISSION STATEMENT

"To guide and assist our youth in their pursuit of personal growth and the meaning of sportsmanship through athletic excellence, that will improve the lives of all that are involved."

RASA MINUTES

June 9, 2013

Attendees

Stacie Calder
Bill Coblentz
Ed Gall
Valerie Lopes

Peter Hall
Matt Caputo
Mary Jo Webb
Ray Fox

Tim Panza
Keith Hummel
Bob Fafard
Rich Scott

I. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 5th, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Mary Jo Webb motioned to approve the minutes and Pete Hall 2nd, all approved.

II. Treasurer's Report: The current balance includes the income from the PSAC Registration, Woman's League, and concession stand*.

*It was noted that the concession stand income was less this year than last year. Mary Jo will ask the Pepkoswkis about it.

Reis Memorial Fund-Bev Reis' family is setting up a memorial fund to pay for financial needs players. The checks have been coming to RASA but since they are made payable to the fund they need to go to the Reis family. MaryJo gave the checks to Valerie Lopes to deliver to Mike Reis.

Pete Hall motioned to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer's report and Bob Fafard 2nd. All approved.

III. Old Business:

Rec League:

- Minors & Majors playoffs will need 3-4 more days to finish.
- VIGS playoffs are beginning and we will be told the schedule tomorrow. Ed Gall did mention that the VIGS have a new policy this year that a playoff roster must be submitted to VIGS. It was noted NO SUNDAY SELECT players may be rostered due to SS rules.
- Mary Jo asked that Pete forward her all the nights games VIGS play so she can bill for lights.
- Awards-Brian Wilson got the awards and they are in the clubhouse. A member of the executive board needs to be at the games. Bill can be there Monday and Stacie can be there Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Rules committee will meet in November and all rules will be set. There will be no rules changes in March. It was noted that the players must play infield/outfield every game should be removed for Majors. This will be discussed at the November meeting.
- Equipment Turn-in will be June 19th and 20th. Matt Caputo and Joe Stryker have done a great job adding shelving to the equipment trailer. Stacie will send out an email to the coaches.
- Matt Caputo and John Wagner had been talking about a "Summer Pick-up League". It would be one night a week for whoever could make it. There were some questions about scheduling and the safety of having different aged girls on the same field but overall it was thought to be a great idea. Matt will see if there is any interest from coaches to help out.

Home Run Derby:

- Despite the rain shortening the day it was a big success.
- The t-shirts for the winners were a big hit. They will be kept for next year.
- The scoring went fine and the tie-breakers worked well.

- Mike Hellyer has already agreed to run the HRD again next year.

RASA Liability in Tournaments:

- This past weekend was very rainy and the USSSA tournament scheduled for Saturday was started 4 hours late on fields 1-5. Field 6 was in horrible shape and despite a huge effort by the maintenance crew the field was still questionable and USSSA did not declare the field playable until 1:30. After this 6 teams all refused to play on it, offering to take a forfeit. The question Stacie Calder had was if someone had played on the field and got injured would RASA have any liability? Bill Coblenz said that RASA has the final say and can override the tournament director. Also USSSA has their own liability insurance so RASA should not have problems.

Summer Camps:

- Fastpitch Softball Association (FSA) has three camps scheduled this summer. Ray Fox will confirm with John Adams that the camps will all take place. (June 17-19, July 8-10, August 12-14)
- Ray Fox will prep the fields and open the snack stand for the camps.

Fall Ball:

- The fee will remain at \$50 for 2 nights per week
- Registration will open July 15th and close August 20th.
- Bob Fafard has been in discussion with North Penn for Saturday games. Also East Penn, Southern Lehigh, Emmaus and Boyertown would like to play, these could be week night games. There was a comment that it was very difficult to get a full team for Saturday games so weeknights may be a better idea.
- Bob Fafard noted that the Tball/Rookies was a disaster due to a lack of coaches. Bob would like to limit registration based on number of coaches. (like we do for Spring VIGS registration)
- Bob would like to see the format for Fall Ball go back to more practice and drills to prep girls for the spring Rec. If we have games they should allow coaches to be on the fields correcting play and instructed players.
- Bob Fafard and Matt Caputo will have a meeting about the structure of Fall Ball and to begin talking to coaches to see if they can get commitments now.

USSSA World Series:

- The World Series will take place July 23-July 27th. It will kick off at the Iron Pigs Coca Cola stadium.
- The final championship game will be at Vet Park.
- Bill would like to have a Kids area. Siblings can do activities and even create a t-shirt. They would need to be escorted by an adult.
- Volunteers will be needed during the day.
- There will be a concierge tent daily from 10-2. We need to get sponsors for the tent.
- A special meeting will be held June 20th at 7pm at Bob Fafard's house to plan more details.

IV. New Business:

***Indoor Space:** Valerie Lopes will contact Calvary Church to see how much space we can get. Mary Jo will contact camp Men-O-Lan, Bob Fafard will set up a meeting with TSE, and Scott Webb will talk to Power Alley. After all prices are gotten we will discuss if RASA will be paying for practice space.

***Field Maintenance:** We need to close down Field 2 beginning in August to reseed the outfield and repair the infield. Fall Ball would not be allowed to play on the field and all Fall Tournaments would only be offered 5 fields.

***Sunday Select:** Bill Smith has offered to coach the 2014 U10 Sunday Select team, a U12 coach is still needed for the 2014 season.

***First Aid Clinic:** A date was set for the 2014 First Aid Clinic, February 22nd. Rick Galloway will contact Kevin at St Lukes and set it up.

***Penny Drive:** \$918.10 was raised this year. The whole thing will go to Quakertown Cares. A check will be presented this Wednesday before the championship games.

***Insurance:** MaryJo has begun to look for insurance for next year. She is trying to make sure we not only have liability but also riders for the snack stand and other assets.

***Donation:** Mike Hellyer has a parent that will donate a new garage door opener for the clubhouse. They would like to be here Tuesday at 8am. Ray Fox will meet them and let them in.

***Sound System:** Matt was wondering if we have a speaker system for the park. There are speakers on 5 & 6 but the only speakers for 1-4 are the two we put out the clubhouse windows. This will be investigated to see how much a new system will cost. We do have the \$3000 grant that needs to be used for improvements. Even though we are replacing the netting and repairing the batting cage pole these are repairs and not improvements so they may not be covered by the grant.

***Clubhouse netting:** Bill has ordered the netting to replace the netting around the clubhouse. The new netting will also fill in the corners to try to add more protection.

Adjournment: :

Ed Gall motioned to adjourn and Mary Jo Webb 2nd. All agreed. (8:47 pm)

Next meeting – Sunday 7/14/13 General Board RASA meeting 7pm at Vet Park Clubhouse.